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Letter dated 31 October 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to present to you the attached letter, dated 30 October 1992, from the President of the Presidency of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, His Excellency Mr. Alija Izetbegovic.

May I ask for your kind assistance in having the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 143, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Ambassador and
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 30 October 1992 from the President of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the Secretary-General

The accords at the London Conference stated that the heavy artillery used by Serbia and Montenegro and their proxies in Bosnia and Herzegovina would be put under the control of the United Nations Protection Force. Four cities were mentioned as immediate concerns: Sarajevo, Gorazde, Bihac and Jajce.

This accord, as all others, has yet to be promulgated. Sadly enough, its implementation has not even commenced. As a consequence, enormous destruction and massive killings continue, in many areas at an increasing rate.

Since the time of the London Conference almost half a million people have left their destroyed homes at gunpoint. The overall situation has drastically worsened, as "ethnic cleansing" remains the primary goal, and not the consequence of this aggression.

Jajce, an old royal seat of our State, had been under attack for six months. Thousands of people have been killed because the city's defenders had no means to confront the aggressor's heavy artillery, aircraft, tanks and helicopters.

Yesterday, Jajce fell into the hands of the Serbo-Montenegrin aggressor only because the city's defenders ran out of ammunition.

Over 20,000 women, children and elderly are now refugees in woods between Jajce and Travnik. They are exposed not only to hunger and cold, but to further massacres committed by the aggressor's artillery and helicopter fire as they flee Jajce.

It is our right to demand from you, as a sponsor of the London Conference, to fulfil the London Conference commitments the sponsors made to the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, whose citizens are victims of aggression and heinous crime unseen in Europe in its history.

(Signed) Alija IZETBEGOVIC